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SUBJECT: JAPAN'S PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE ENTERTAINS UN
OBSERVERS FROM NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM.

1. AMBASSADOR SAITO, THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
JAPAN, ENTERTAINED AMBASSADOR NGUYEN VAN LUU, THE
PERMANENT OBSERVER OF NORTH VIETNAM, AND AMBASSADOR DINH
BA THI, THE PERMANENT OBSERVER OF SOUTH VIETNAM, AT LUNCH
AUGUST 13.

2. JAPANESE MINISTER, OHTAKA, HAS TOLD US THE FOLLOWING
ABOUT THE CONVERSATION:

A. AMBASSADOR THI SAID THAT SOUTH VIETNAM HOLDS NO -
REPEAT NO AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR. THERE ARE HOWEVER,
SOME AMERICAN QUAKERS AND SEVERAL INVITED AMERICAN ANTI-WAR
ACTIVISTS IN SOUTH VIETNAM.

B. LUU TOLD SAITO THAT SOUTH VIETNAM LOOKS TOWARD CLOSE
RELATIONS WITH JAPAN. LUU STRESSED NEED FOR RECONSTRUCTION
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ASSISTANCE. LUU SAID THAT, ON AUGUST 8, SOUTH VIETNAM

ISSUED A DIRECTIVE SAYING THAT FOREIGN OIL COMPANIES EXPLORING IN SOUTH VIETNAM BEFORE THE PRG TAKEOVER WILL BE PERMITTED TO CONTINUE. BECAUSE JAPANESE OIL COMPANIES HAD BEEN WORKING JOINTLY IN SOUTH VIETNAM WITH AMERICAN COMPANIES, OHTAKA ASKED LUU IF AMERICAN COMPANIES WOULD BE WELCOME BACK. LUU REPLIED THAT, BEFORE THE US VETO IN THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL, THE THINKING HAD BEEN "YES", BUT "AT THIS STAGE, NO". OHTAKA FELT THAT LUU DID NOT RULE OUT AN EVENTUAL AMERICAN RETURN.

C. THI AND LUU DENIED RUMORS THAT THE VIETNAMESE OBSERVERS WOULD ASK FOR "SPECIAL STATUS" DURING THE FORTH-COMING UNGA SESSIONS. LUU SUGGESTED THAT "US SOURCES" MAY HAVE BEEN SPREADING SUCH RUMORS.

D. THI AND LUU WERE CORDIAL AND "EXTREMELY GRATEFUL" TO SAITO FOR THE LATTER'S HANDLING (IN HIS CAPACITY AS PRESIDENT) OF THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON THE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS. THI AND LUU REGARDED THE RESULT AS A "VICTORY" WITH THIRTEEN UN SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY FOR THE ADMISSION OF THE VIETNAMS.
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